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## Crises intensify

# 10,000 Russian troops said massed along Iran border

From our wire services

KABUL, Afghanistan — Western diplomatic sources Monday said 10,000 or more Russian troops have moved into striking distance of key oil installations in Iran from new border positions in Afghanistan.

But intelligence officials in Washington said while the Soviets are in the region, their strength is "nothing like 10,000."

At the State Department, spokesman Hodding Carter said, "since we don't know why the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, we can't rule out a second, or third, or fourth operation against other countries."

Western diplomats in Pakistan said Soviet troops appear to have taken control of all major towns and highways in neighboring Afghanistan.

Despite that, rebel leaders called for a holy war and claimed successes in heavy fighting in the eastern provinces.

The sources in Kabul said elements of the 66th Motorized Rifle Division, one of an estimated seven Soviet divisions comprising about 85,000 troops in Afghanistan, moved into place along the border in the last few days.

Asked if Soviets are poised for action against Iran, a military analyst in Kabul said, "If they want to do it, there's nothing

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the United States can do to stop them. There just aren't enough American troops in the area and it would take 24 hours to get them there."

He discounted the possibility that a Soviet division would be deployed only to block supplies meant for Afghan guerrillas, adding that an armored column would take "about three hours" to reach vital installations in Iran.

Although Iran's major oilfields are 700 miles (1,120 kilometers) to the west of the Afghan border, an armored column could churn across the 300 miles (480 kilometers) to the oil port of Bandar Abbas in a few hours.

Bandar Abbas has no refineries or oilfields, but it controls a bottleneck on the Strait of Hormuz, the route for oil to the United States from Saudi Arabia and other states on the Persian Gulf.

The 66th Division earlier was reported to be deployed in and around Herat, a provincial city close to the Iranian border, and in Shindand, a major air base further south. Communications with Herat have been cut for days.

Some diplomats in Kabul say the Soviet in-

vasion of Afghanistan was related to larger Soviet ambitions against Iran and Pakistan.

Despite that, correspondents who entered Afghanistan from Pakistan via the southern route said there was no sign of a massive Soviet buildup there.

Soviet troops reaching the Iranian border areas are believed to have entered Afghanistan from Torghundi just north of Herat. One of the country's few paved, all-weather roads leads from the Soviet border to Herat.

"We have had no reports of any major action by either side over the past four or five days," a diplomat in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad said.

"It looks to us as if the Russians have everything pretty much under control, except maybe in the northeast, where the rebels have been claiming some success."

In the Pakistani town of Peshawar, a spokesman for a guerrilla group known as Hezb-i-Islam, the Islamic Front, said resistance was continuing under cover in places like Jelalabad, just over the border in Afghanistan.

"The government and the Russians might appear to control the city of Jelalabad, but really everyone there is on our side," he said. "Holy men and freedom-fighters are

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## Iran ousts American reporters for bias

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — Iran announced Monday it is expelling the entire American press corps because of its "biased" reporting and warned the 50 Americans could remain hostage at the U.S. Embassy "more or less forever."

The official Pars news agency, quoting Islamic Revolutionary Council member Ali Akbar Moinefar, said, "Iran will soon expel all American reporters and correspondents for publishing biased reports about Iran."

Foreign press chief Abolghassem Sadegh told UPI in a telephone interview the decision means all American news organizations, including United Press International and the Associated Press, would close down.

He said the affected newsmen would be given a "decent" notice period within which to wind up their operations in Iran.

Spokesmen for American news agencies, including UPI, and most other news organizations, declined to comment on the Iranian move.

CBS wired a protest to Tehran, calling the expulsion order "contrary to widely accepted freedom of information" and saying "at this critical time, it will deprive Americans from getting accurate information about the situation" in Iran.

Since Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini came to power last January, 23 newsmen have been expelled from Iran and foreign correspondents were banned several days ago from the riot-torn northwestern city of Tabriz.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Ibrahim Mokalla said he was in contact with the Council for further details about the decision reached at (See IRANIANS, Page 14)



Arrows indicate Soviet troop movements

# Arab distrust of super powers increases

By Henry Tanner  
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BEIRUT, Lebanon — The Soviet intervention in Afghanistan has sharply increased anti-Soviet and anti-Communist feelings in the Arab and Islamic countries from North Africa to the Persian Gulf, but it has done nothing to erase the region's distrust of the United States.

Officials and other sources throughout the region accuse Washington as well as Moscow of pursuing a super power's selfish military and economic objectives without regard for the self-interests of the local countries.

"Sure, we see the Soviet threat, sure we are

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worried, but the United States cannot hope to enlist Arab help until it commits itself to policies that are in the Arab national interest," a conservative Arab diplomat here said in a typical conversation.

In Amman, the new prime minister of Jordan, Abdel Hamid Sharaf, a moderate, said during an interview: "You cannot talk to us about security (in Afghanistan) as long as you deny its security right here."

He said that for Jordanians, as for other Arabs,

the Palestinian issue was "all-pervasive" and could be solved only by giving Palestinians self-determination. The United States could not hope to meet its own security needs in the region unless it recognized this central fact and used its power to convince the Israelis to withdraw from the occupied territories as part of an overall settlement with all their Arab neighbors, he said.

Sharaf, a former ambassador to Washington and the United Nations who became prime minister three weeks ago, has a mandate to press a campaign to enlist Arab and Western support for Jordanian proposals for an overall Middle East settlement.

After the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the

Jordanian government issued a declaration deploring big-power intervention in the internal affairs of a small country, without naming the Soviet Union.

Even the rulers of Saudi Arabia, who have been most outspoken in their denunciations of Moscow and who are sending assistance to Pakistan and the Afghan rebels, have coupled their anti-Soviet statements with public expressions of frustration at being unable to influence American policies in the Middle East. Crown Prince Fahd has declared publicly that Saudi Arabia would not give bases or military facilities to the United States.

# School board reaffirms its decision on office site

By Laddie Hirsch, Valerie Battle  
and Jane Sutter  
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The Columbia Board of Education Monday night reaffirmed its decision to locate the new board office next to West Junior High and, hearing a query by a New Haven school board official, appeared willing to consider annexing that district if its school board decides to ask.

Fritz Swartz, deputy commissioner of the Missouri Amateur Softball Association, gave the board a petition with more than 500 signatures opposing construction of the board office on the West Junior High site.

"My purpose in presenting this report is to let the board know that there are people who are

interested in its decision," Swartz said.

Swartz suggested both that the board consider Cosmos Park as an option and the possibility of a "swap" of land between the board and the city.

"The city's got a lot of land, I know that (it does)," he said. "It seems that a swap of land with the city would allow the development of a triplex (of softball fields) at the West Junior High site."

After the board members affirmed their motion of Nov. 12, which authorized the architects to proceed with design development of the plans for its office at the West Junior High site, Swartz seemed resigned to the decision.

"They convinced me there has been due consideration, but I don't know when it occurred,

whether it was before the Nov. 12 meeting or after," he said. "I would guess there will be a school administration building on that site — hopefully with a softball field behind it."

In another development, Turner Verner, president of the New Haven school board, told Columbia board members that New Haven citizens rejected a school bond issue for the first time in November and that hurt the district.

He said continued inflation has forced his district, with an enrollment of 647 students, to consider several options designed to reduce expenses.

One of those options, consolidating with Columbia, brought him to the meeting Monday. He said he wanted to see how receptive board members would be to such a merger.

Charles "Bud" Middleton made a motion expressing initial support for a consolidation with New Haven, but he withdrew it after other board members reacted negatively.

"I would be opposed to making any formal motion. I think we've indicated receptivity," said Jan Fisch.

Ray Lewis said, "It has been our policy to keep out of internal affairs of other school districts until they have made such a decision. The history and feeling of this board is that it has always been willing to accept those districts wishing to annex."

Superintendent Russell Thompson said that the board's refusal to approve a specific motion indicated that it wanted the New Haven district and community to determine its own future.

Thompson said that before an annexation could take place it would have to meet all the legal requirements, and the transition procedure would have to be worked out.

Turning to the subject of food costs, Thompson said that — at its present rate of spending — the Columbia district would exceed its budget for food by \$20,000. He said the price of school lunches may have to be increased for the first time in two years to prevent the budget overrun.

Sharon Gibson, director of food services, said a price increase is needed for next year and that the students in St. Louis and Kansas City now pay more for their lunches than Columbia students. She did not say how much of an increase is needed.

# Flat Branch issue may go to voters

By Sarah Fisher, Wayde Byard  
and Shawn Balphour  
Missourian staff writers

"Voters may be going to the polls in early April to decide the fate of the Flat Branch redevelopment project.

At least 2,322 of the 4,767 signatures on petitions to bring the project to a public vote were found valid by the City Clerk's office Monday. The signatures are sufficient to force the council to reconsider the plan. If the council decides within 30 days to pursue the plan, it must be submitted to the voters.

The petitions, submitted 10 days ago, request that the City Council's Dec. 17 decision to approve \$200,000 for land appraisals in the Flat Branch project site be repealed or brought to the polls.

The Columbia Land Clearance and Redevelopment Authority met informally Monday night to discuss this newest devel-

opment in the Flat Branch controversy. Chairman Bob Pugh pointed out to the group that any further action on the project would have to wait until either the City Council rejects the plan or Columbians vote on the referendum.

The authority discussed using funds left over from last year's operating budget to print leaflets outlining the cost breakdown of the project. The leaflets would be distributed to public places. Pugh said he hopes this would counter some of the false information currently being dispensed by the plan's opponents.

Pugh said one particularly damaging misconception concerns the amount of Columbia tax dollars to be used in funding the project. He said circulators of the petition implied that the entire \$31 million cost of the project would be funded with local tax dollars. The actual direct cost to the city taxpayer, Pugh said, would be about \$2.3 million.

Pugh said such misconceptions, which he called "a product of ignorance," probably had damaged the project's chances for voter approval.

"From the petitions I would say that if the election were held today, it would not be approved."

Sponsors of the petition drive are pleased that the issue probably will be put to a vote.

"I am very happy that our labor was not in vain," Max Sorin, one of the sponsors, said. "There were a lot of people that said 'I believe it should be put to a vote' and they are entitled to say so."

Sorin is part owner of Columbia Auto Parts, 504 E. Broadway, located within the proposed redevelopment area. He earlier testified against the project before the council and questioned whether the compensation to property owners in the area would cover the loss in business during relocation.

The cost of the project would be divided between the public and private sectors. The private sector would be expected to pay \$22.8 million, while \$1.9 million in public funds would be used for the amenities and \$5.1 million in municipal revenue bonds would be issued.

While the Land Clearance and Redevelopment Authority cannot actively advance the project until the issue is resolved, it has solicited project appraisals from various federally approved developers. The deadline for receiving these proposals has been set as March 15.

Senior city planner Amy Wilson said that if the vote is favorable and the authority can submit a "clean" or error-free proposal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by July 1, it still will stand a good chance of receiving federal "pocket of poverty" funds.

# 9.5% M.U. faculty pay hike urged

By Diane Taylor  
State capital bureau

JEFFERSON CITY — Gov. Joseph Teasdale Monday recommended a \$169 million budget for the four University of Missouri campuses for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The figure includes a 9.5 percent salary increase — less than the 10.6 percent increase requested by the University system.

The salary increase includes a 6 percent cost-of-living increase, a 2 percent merit increase and 1.5 percent to upgrade salaries to the point of competitively paid teachers.

The total recommended budget is \$5.7 million less than University officials had requested, and \$2 million less than the Coordinating Board for Higher Education recommended.

The priority request for capital improvements on the Columbia campus — seeking a \$4.4 million library storage facility and a

\$7.8 million animal research facility — were placed on a contingency basis by the governor. He recommended those funds only if the federal revenue sharing program is extended in 1981.

But the governor did recommend a non-contingent appropriation of \$1 million for a new agricultural engineering building on the Columbia campus.

Other capital improvement emphases for the University were put on general maintenance, \$2.1 million; renovation of the engineering building, \$400,000; and an energy study, \$200,000. Overall, Teasdale proposed \$8 million in capital improvements on the Columbia campus.

Emphasizing what he called "priority increases to improve educational quality," Teasdale pushed for \$1.1 million to be channeled to instructional needs of students. These funds would come from a similar reduction in

the University's administrative budget.

Such a cut could mean a reduction in administrative employees such as payroll clerks and financial aid workers, according to William Dye, director of the office of the budget.

Rep. Harold Reisch, R-Columbia, said he does not feel the governor's request for more emphasis on instructional needs of students will have much effect on the University campuses.

"It's a political year, and it sounds good," said Reisch, a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Reisch said Columbia campus Chancellor Barbara Uehling and President James Olson already have attempted to reduce staff levels to cut the administrative budget.

Teasdale's recommendations for the next fiscal year for University system operations reflect a total increase over this year's budget of about \$18.7 million or 12.4 percent.



UPI telephoto

## Ray's finally made it to the top of 'em all

"It's really something. All these years, and there were some lean ones, and now all this good is happening to me," Ray Meyer said. "I must have done something right." And indeed he has. Meyer, the winningest active coach in college basketball, finds his 12-0 DePaul Blue Demons ranked No. 1 in the nation — for the first time in his 37 years of coaching. See details in Sports, Page 7.

## In town today

9 a.m. Boone County Court meets, County-City Building, fifth floor.  
7:30 p.m. Sierra Club seminar on environmental impact of development, Columbia Public Library.

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Gov. Joseph Teasdale  
Makes budget recommendation